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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1018

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DIGEST OF HB 1018 (Updated March 21, 2007 12:04 pm - DI 71)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-20; IC 9-21.

**Synopsis:** School buses. Increases the maximum length for a conventional school bus from thirty-eight feet to forty-two feet. Increases the maximum speed limit for the operation of a school bus from 55 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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**Duncan, Smith V, Klinker**

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.  
January 26, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
January 29, 2007, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.  
January 30, 2007, read third time, passed. Yeas 90, nays 8.

SENATE ACTION

February 19, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security,  
Transportation and Veterans Affairs.  
March 22, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1018

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-20-8-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. The maximum length limitations  
3 for buses are as follows:

4 (1) For an articulating bus used for public transportation  
5 purposes, sixty-five (65) feet.

6 (2) For a conventional school bus, ~~thirty-eight (38)~~ **forty-two (42)**  
7 feet.

8 (3) For a transit school bus, forty-two (42) feet.

9 (4) For all others, forty-five (45) feet.

10 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-5-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2006,  
11 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 14. (a) A person may not operate a school bus or  
13 a special purpose bus at a speed greater than:

14 (1) ~~fifty-five (55)~~ **sixty (60)** miles per hour on a federal or state  
15 highway; or

16 (2) forty (40) miles per hour on a county or township highway.

17 (b) If the posted speed limit is lower than the absolute limits set in

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- 1 this section or if the absolute limits do not apply, the maximum lawful  
2 speed of a bus is the posted speed limit.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill 1018, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 9-21-5-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2006, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 14. (a) A person may not operate a school bus or a special purpose bus at a speed greater than:

(1) ~~fifty-five (55)~~ **sixty (60)** miles per hour on a federal or state highway; or

(2) forty (40) miles per hour on a county or township highway.

(b) If the posted speed limit is lower than the absolute limits set in this section or if the absolute limits do not apply, the maximum lawful speed of a bus is the posted speed limit."

Delete page 2.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1018 as introduced.)

SMITH V, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred House Bill No. 1018, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 9-20-8-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. The maximum length limitations for buses are as follows:

(1) For an articulating bus used for public transportation purposes, sixty-five (65) feet.

(2) For a conventional school bus, ~~thirty-eight (38)~~ **forty-two (42)**

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feet.

(3) For a transit school bus, forty-two (42) feet.

(4) For all others, forty-five (45) feet."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1018 as printed January 26, 2007.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2.

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